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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The present invention relates to formulations comprising combinations of analgesic/anti-inflammatory, immunomodulating and cartilage-reconstructing agents, in particular comprising saligenin, boswellic acid, procyanidins, N-acetyl-glucosamine and either glucuronic acid or glucuronolactone, for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis and, more generally, of arthritis conditions.